

Talk Like a Pirate Day (19 September)

“Ahoy, maties!” 19 September is International Talk Like a Pirate Day. The day was created by John Baur and Mark Summers in 1995. At first, this was a joke between the two men. In 2002, the media began to cover the comical day and it gained a following. Some people who celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day raise money for charities such as Childhood Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Solve each question below. Then use the key to find the answer to the joke. Letters can be used more than once.

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2. MMDCXXIX =

3. Round 1,826 to the nearest 10.

4. Which is the biggest?
87,300 83,700 78,300
38,700 73,800

5. $20,000 + 5,300 + 20 + 7 =$

6. Which is the mistake in this sequence? 864,193 764,193
664,193 554,193 464,193

7. Which is the smallest?
17,010 17,100 17,011
17,110 17,111

8. Round 763,294 to the nearest 10,000.

9. What's the difference between -15 and 49?

10. Round 87,274 to the nearest 100.

11. MDCCCXXX =

12. What is the 4th number in this sequence?
7,229 7,129 7,019

13. $-23 + 100 =$

Did you know?

The word 'pirate' is taken from the Latin word 'pirata' which means sailor or sea robber. It is also taken from the Greek word 'peirates' which means 'one who attacks ships'.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
8,009	83,700	6,919	837	1,830	17,011	7,009	87,200	770,000	1,330	77	2,529	938
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
2,629	554,193	25,237	34	87,300	760,000	123	17,010	25,327	64	7,010	1,820	128

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A nervous wreck.